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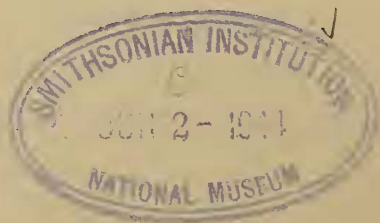
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DECLARATION 6.

ON THE NEED FOR NEW NAMES TO BE CLEARLY INDICATED AS SUCH ON THEIR FIRST PUBLICATION AND ON THE NEED FOR AVOIDING THE PUBLICATION OF NAMES AS NEW ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION.

DECLARATION.—It is requested that an author who publishes a name as new shall definitely state that it is new, that this be stated in only one (i.e. the first) publication, and that the date of publication be not added to the name in its first publication.

At their Session held at Budapest in September 1927 during the Tenth International Congress of Zoology, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature had under consideration the question of devising means for eliminating some of the causes of confusion in zoological nomenclature. In the course of the discussion, attention was drawn to the wholly unnecessary confusion arising from two objectionable practices followed by some authors when publishing new names.

2. In the first place, certain authors were in the habit of publishing new names without giving any indication that they were publishing those names for the first time. It was highly likely that names published in this way would escape the notice of compilers of Abstracts and Records (such as the *Zoological Record*). The result had been that the first publication of some names had for a time been overlooked; invalid (because later) names had come into use; and unnecessary confusion had arisen when this error had been corrected and the older (till then overlooked) name had been brought into use. Even where a name so published had been duly recorded in Abstracts and Records, the fact that the name had been so published was still open to objection since it threw an entirely unnecessary burden upon the compilers of such publications.

3. The second cause of confusion in connection with the publication of new names arose from the practice of some authors of indicating names as new in two or more papers due for publication at about the same time. This practice was also open to strong objection since it involved systematists in the wholly

unnecessary task of determining the precise date of publication of the Parts of several journals in each of which the name was published as new. In some cases, moreover, it was not possible to determine dates of publication with absolute precision; where this was so, serious confusion resulted from the practice under discussion since it was impossible to determine with certainty in which of two (or more) works a given name had first been published. The confusion so caused was greatly aggravated when (as was sometimes the case) the descriptions given by the author to the organism to which the new name was applied were not identical in the publications concerned.

4. The International Commission decided to deal with both these matters in their report to the Tenth International Congress of Zoology, together with another matter liable to give rise to confusion through carelessness in the citation of bibliographical references.¹ The questions dealt with in the present *Declaration* were accordingly made the subject of paragraphs 108 and 109 of the report submitted by the Commission to the Congress. These paragraphs read as follows :—

108. The Commission in session unanimously voted to invite the attention of authors to the following provisions which are intended to reduce confusion :

109. (a) It is requested that an author who *publishes*² a name as new shall definitely state that it is new, that this be stated in only one (i.e. the first) publication, and that the date of publication be not added to the name in its first publication.

5. The report of the Commission containing the foregoing paragraphs was approved by the Section on Nomenclature at its joint meeting with the International Commission held at Budapest on 8th September 1927, against three dissenting votes. The *Comptes Rendus* of the Congress record that the discussion on the report was directed mainly to the amendment of Article 25 of the Code recommended in paragraphs 98 to 104 of that document. It may be concluded therefore that the dissenting votes were directed to that portion of the Commission's report and not to the paragraphs quoted in paragraph 4 above. The report was thereupon submitted to the Tenth International Congress of Zoology by whom it was approved at the Concilium Plenum held at Budapest on 10th September 1927, the last day of the Congress.

¹ The subject here referred to is dealt with in *Declaration 7*.

² The word "publishes" was printed in italics in the Commission's report to contrast it with the word "quotes" in the following paragraph (paragraph 110). For the text of the latter paragraph, see *Declaration 7*.

6. The present *Declaration* was concurred in by the sixteen (16) Commissioners and Alternates³ present at the Budapest Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Commissioners :—Apstein; Bather; Handlirsch; Hartert; Horváth; Jordan (K.); Lönnberg; Stejneger; and Stiles.

Alternates :—Rothschild *vice* Chapman; Goto *vice* Ishikawa; Howard *vice* Jordan (D. S.); Hedicke *vice* Kolbe; Muesebeck *vice* Stone; Mortensen *vice* Neveu-Lemaire; and Enriques *vice* Monticelli.

7. The following two (2) Commissioners who were neither present at the Budapest Session nor represented thereat by Alternates did not vote on the present *Declaration* :—

Dabbene; and Warren.

CERTIFICATE:

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, hereby CERTIFY that the present *Declaration* has been compiled from the records of the Proceedings of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at their Session held at Budapest in September 1927 during the Tenth International Congress of Zoology.

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³ At the Budapest and all subsequent Sessions of the International Commission Alternates were accorded full voting rights.

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